

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to ****force**** their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

Furthermore, the FCC's refusal to overturn Sinclair's use of force to air this program is appalling. I have been a lifelong Republican sympathizer, but such blatant partisanship by the Republican majority on the FCC is deeply disturbing and is a betrayal of the public trust. The FCC has established a track record of uniformly supporting media corporations' agendas at the expense of the public good & whatever is left of our republic. You can correct a bad decision. You have done so before. Please do so again. Thank you.